



Alamo Heights Independent School District

Minutes – Wednesday, May 13, 2026

Minutes of Regular Meeting Wednesday, May 13, 2206

The Board of Trustees Alamo Heights Independent School District

A Regular of the Board of Trustees of Alamo Heights Independent School District was held Wednesday, May 13, 2 206, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Central Office Boardroom.

Members Present: Mr. Carey Hildebrand, Presiding Officer
Mr. Ty Edwards
Mrs. Lauren McLaughlin
Mr. Hunter Kingman
Mrs. Karen Bryant
Mr. David Hornberger
Mr. Clay Page

Member Absent:

School Officials
Present: Dr. Dana Bashara, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Frank Alfaro, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services
Dr. Jimmie Walker, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction
Mr. Frank Stanage, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources
Mr. Brian Grenier, Director of Technology
Ms. JulieAnn Matonis, Director of Communications
Mrs. Natalie Brown, Director of Special Education and Pupil Services

Others Present: Approximately 150 patrons, students, teachers, etc.

1. File and Post – Official Notice of Meeting

Official notice of the meeting, date, hour, place and subject was posted on a bulletin board at a place convenient to the public at the Central Administration Office, 7101 Broadway, on Thursday, [DATE], at [TIME] p.m.

2. Organization of Trustees

A. Oaths of Office of Newly Elected Trustees

Ty Edwards and Hunter Kingman were sworn in for new terms representing Place 3 and Place 4

B. Consideration of New Board Officers

Trustees selected new officers: Carey Hildebrand, President; Ty Edwards, Vice President; Lauren McLaughlin, Secretary; and Hunter Kingman, Assistant Secretary.



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APPROVED – Motion by Mrs. Karen Bryant, seconded by Mr. Hunter Kingman, and carried unanimously to approve Item #2.B Consideration of New Board Officers as presented.

- C. Assignment of Board Committees
Trustees selected new committee members.

APPROVED – Motion by Mr. Ty Edwards, seconded by Mrs. Lauren McLaughlin, and carried unanimously to approve Item #2.B Consideration of New Board Officers as presented.

3. Delegations/Recognitions

- A. Powering the Profile
Maricela Arce, 1st grade Spanish Immersion teacher at Woodridge, was recognized for Powering the Profile for embodying the AHISD Profile of a Learner.
- B. HEB Excellence in Education Awards State Finalist
Monica Lopez, a special education teacher at Alamo Heights HS, was recently honored as a state finalist at the H-E-B Excellence in Education Awards.
- C. 2026 AAABSE District of Distinction
Alamo Heights ISD was recently recognized as a District of Distinction by the Alamo Area Alliance of Black School Educators. AAABSE's District of Distinction designation is reserved for school districts that demonstrate an unwavering commitment to academic excellence, student success, and the holistic development of every learner. Marvin Walker, Girls Basketball Coach and Special Education teacher at Alamo Heights HS, and Sergeant at Arms for AAABSE's Executive Committee presented the award.
- D. Thespian National Qualifiers
National Thespian Qualifiers Mia Joseph, Skylar Worth, Sebastian Mireles, Enzo Garica, Jace Herrera, Vivian Davids, Henry Mossor and Fallon Edwards were recognized. The National Festival takes place in June.
- E. Texas Visual Arts Scholastic Event (VASE) State Qualifiers
Bartlett and Anjaleen Cruz Hernandez qualified for the state Visual Arts Scholastic Event, also called VASE, held at the end of April. They both received a 4, the highest score at state.
- F. UIL State Journalism
Alexandra Cubeta is a UIL State Academic Qualifier in the News Writing category. She advanced to state after placing 3rd at the Regional competition. She will compete at the UIL state meet May 18.



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G. All-State Journalism

Magali Roibon earned All-State Journalism recognition. Students must accumulate 50 points in one school year and points do not carry over from year to year. It takes most students the entire school year to achieve enough points. However, Magali had enough points by December and actually finished the year with 99 points.

H. Journalism - UIL Award Distinguished Merit

The Yearbook received the UIL Award of Distinguished Merit for the 18th straight year. It is the state's highest honor and the gold medal in Publishing. The Yearbook was also recognized in Balfour Publishing's Yearbook Yearbook which is a national award that recognizes the best yearbook publications from elementary schools through colleges.

Students are: Ben Brown, Alexandra Cubeta, Nick Devota, Sayers Hennessey, Trenten Labatt, Cito Longoria, Jamie Moses, Pedro Nunez, Cole Smith, Harrison Taylor, Hayden White, William Zackary, Joseph Angulo, John Bonillas, Tessa Bordelon, Adelaide Cooper, Ava Escamilla, Tommy Funk, Acalain Garza, Carolina Guardiola, Eva Lake, Jasmine Miller, Ayana Ochoa, Margaret Raney, Sam Smiley, Hatty Tankin, and Isabela Villasenor.

I. Journalism - UIL Award of Achievement - Hood Print

The Hoof Print received the UIL's Award of Achievement which is the state's second highest honor and the silver medal in publishing.

Students are: Jocelyn Bezner, Christian Chiscano, Ansley Embrey, Acalain Garza, Cuatro Hill, Andrea Muniz, Magali Roibon, Syler Schones, Maddie Turner, and Andrew Williams.

J. UIL State Tennis Qualifiers

Three AHHS tennis players qualified for the UIL State Tennis Tournament held in San Antonio. Allison Crane advanced to the state quarterfinals in girls singles. Ellie Rose and Hallie Zielger played in the round of 16.

K. UIL State Track and Field

Two athletes will represent AHISD at the UIL State Track and Field Meet in Austin this week. Jack Hollimon qualified in the 300m hurdles. Alzara Mysliwiec qualified in the 100m dash.

L. UIL Math State Qualifier

Andy Le qualified for the UIL Academic State Meet in the Calculator category. He placed 3rd at the Regional Meet. He will compete at the state meet May 19 at UT Austin.

M. UIL Science Team State Qualifiers

Andy Le, Ben Klopfenstein, Lucas Bowling and Lucas Rodriguez qualified for the UIL State



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Science Team competition after their strong finishes at both District and Regional Competition. They were the 1st place team at the Regional competition. They will compete at the state meet on May 18 at UT Austin.

N. National Qualifiers - U.S. National Chemistry Olympiad

Andy Le and Ben Klopfenstein both qualified for the National Chemistry Olympiad, held in early April. They both finished in the top ten in the regional event. The event is sponsored by the American Chemical Society. National scores have not been released yet.

O. State Science Olympiad Qualifying Team - Alamo Heights High School

AHISD was represented at the State Science Olympiad by a team from Alamo Heights HS. The High School team finished 10th out of 30 teams at the state Competition held at Texas A&M University. They also earned state medals in the Boomilever, Disease Detectives, Forensics, and Science Word events.

Team members are: Lucas Bowling, Davis Bratelli, Stuart Flexner-Bury, John Fravell, Nicolas Gutierrez, Bennett Hall, Ben Klopfenstein, Andy Le, Octavio Lopez-Vasquez, Gregory Monagas, Shah Rius, Lucas Rodriguez, Joseph Wilson, Abigail Windsheffel, Elanor Yun, Lulu Durrett, and Hannah Le.

P. State Science Olympiad Team - Alamo Heights High School

AHISD was represented at the State Science Olympiad by a team from Alamo Heights Junior School. AHJS Placed 1st at the Regional Meet and earned one of 30 team spots at the Texas State Science Olympiad Meet.

Thomas Emerson and Sophie Fair placed 10th at state in the Write It Do It event.

Team Members are: Ruby Clefisch-Arnett, Malcolm Corey, Max Dewey, Knox Emerson, Sophie Fair, Naomi Georges, Emersyn Gomez, Lou Hoelscher, Lucy Kremer, Matthew Marshall, Ella Mlcak, Siddhi Patel, Siddhi, Margaux Richardson, Samuel Rubenstein, and Tavia Son. Alternates: Logan Ackerman, Cece Hoelscher, and Rowan Nieto.

Q. Alamo Heights Junior School TMSA State Meet of Champions

The Junior School UIL Team competed at the Texas Math and Science Coaches Association (TMSA) State Meet of Champions. The AHJS UIL Team as a whole placed 9th out of the 45 qualifying 5A schools. Individual medals were awarded to:

Pourya Mousavi - 11th place medal in 6th grade Calculator Skills and 14th place medal in 6th grade General Math.

Sammy Rubenstein- 14th place medal in 7th grade Calculator Skills.

Memo Seale- 13th place medal in 7th grade Calculator Skills.

Nathan Kolasinski- 20th place medal in 8th grade Calculator Skills.



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The AHJS Calculator team was awarded the 6th place Calculator Team trophy. Individual medals were awarded to the top 4 student scores that made up the team total. The Team medals were awarded to: Sammy Rubenstein, Memo Seale, Nathan Kolasinski and Valentina Roibon.

R. Superintendent's Student Advisory Council

The Superintendent's Student Advisory Council is comprised of Alamo Heights High School Juniors, Alamo Heights Junior School 8th graders, and 5th graders from Cambridge and Woodridge Elementary.

Cambridge Elementary: Parker Batchelor, Claire Magers, John Graham Perez, Wilson Rogers, and Maya Wu.

Woodridge Elementary: Lila Cook, Ben Adcock, Ushe Sykes, Hadley Chavez, and Xochitl Gonzalez.

Alamo Heights Junior School: Fred Moore, Chappell Bailey, Jaydon Adame, Arely Talamantez, Charley Peavy, Victoria Balsam, Grady Gulley, Kayden Escalante, Victoria Cantu, and Alexa Martinez.

Alamo Heights High School: Anjea Santiago, Emilee Smoot, Helena Castano, Lee Brockwell, Haley Reno, Allegra Harrell, Porter McCloskey, Abigail Allison, Rowan Simpson and Whitney Webb.

S. Senior Ambassadors

Senior Ambassadors Joseph Angulo, Mariah Garner, Jack Hollimon, Rachel Olson, Joseph Toland, Ivan Romanko, Lauren Sicoli, and Alejandra Zapata have shared their senior story multiple times this year at events for our community.

T. Student Council Update -AHHS Student Council President Veer Patel and Vice President Lindsey Lam shared an update with Trustees.

4. Citizens to be Heard

There were 0 citizens to be heard.

5. Items for Presentation or Possible Action

A. Report on School Bus Seat Belt Study and Compliance (Sb 546)

Frank Stanage, Assistant Superintendent for Operations, presented a report on a school bus seatbelt study and compliance as part of Senate Bill 546.



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B. Presentation of 2026-2027 Budget Update

Matt Streger, Chief Financial Officer, presented a 2026-27 Budget and Compensation Update. The budget will go before Trustees in June for adoption. The district is working towards a balanced budget, however much uncertainty remains regarding state revenues.

C. Presentation of GT Program Review

Dr. Jimmie Walker, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, presented a GT program review. The review reflects a district-wide commitment to fair identification practices, academic excellence, and continuous program improvement. Recent refinements to GT qualification criteria and assessment tools, as well as ongoing feedback from parents and staff, are shaping a more targeted, data-driven approach to GT services.

6. Consent Agenda - All items on the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the Board of Trustees and will be enacted with one motion. There will be no separate discussion of the items unless a Board member so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered as an item on the Regular Agenda.

A. Approval of Minutes of the Previous Meeting

1. Regular Board Meeting of April 15, 2026
2. Special Called Meeting of April 22, 2026
3. Special Called Meeting of May 6, 2026

B. Payment of Bills

C. Amendment to the 2025-2026 Budget

D. Consideration of Staff Development Waiver for 2026-2027

E. Consideration of Resolution to Sell Property

F. Consideration of Annual Renewal of Food Service Contract with Southwest Food Excellence, LLC

G. Consideration to Increase Meal Prices for the 2026-2027 School Year

H. Consideration of Approval of Audit Engagement Letter

I. Consideration of Approval of Written Statement and Finding of the Need for Specialized Contingent Fee Legal Services

J. Consideration of Approval of Ordinance Authorizing Alamo Heights ISD to Enter into an Agreement to Renew and Extend Contract for Collection of Delinquent Taxes

K. Consideration of Approval of Delinquent Tax Attorney Agreement

L. Approval of Canvas of 2026 General Election

M. Consideration of Approval of GMP 1 for Alamo Heights Jr School

N. Approval of the GMP with the alternate for the District Community Center

O. Consideration of the following donation:

1. Donation of \$6,000.00 for AHISD Academic Programs from Alamo Heights Academic Support Group
2. Donation of \$25, 520.20 for Alamo Heights High School FlipLoks from Multiple Donors
3. Donation of \$51, 000.00 for HJS K9's Kindness Program from Alamo Heights School Foundation



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P. Board Members' Committee Reports

1. Goals & Priorities Committee

The Goals and Priorities Committee met on Wednesday, May 6, 2026.

2. Assessment & Long-Range Planning Committee

The Assessment & Long-Range Planning Committee met on Wednesday, May 6, 2026.

APPROVED – Motion by Mr. Hunter Kingman, seconded by Mr. Clay Page, and carried unanimously to approve Item #6. A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K,L,M,N,O, and P of the Consent Agenda as presented.

7. Board Members' Committee Report

A. Building Committee Meeting – The Building Committee met on Wednesday, May 6, 2026, and Monday, May 11, 2026.

B. Nominations Committee Meeting – The Nominations Committee met on Wednesday, May 6, 2026.

C. Alamo Heights School Foundation Board Meeting – The Alamo Heights School Foundation Board met on Wednesday, May 13, 2026.

8. Business Recommendations

A. There were no Business Recommendations.

9. Calendar Review

10. Superintendent's Communication

Dr. Bashara highlighted senior and end of year celebrations, athletic achievements, bond updates, and a look ahead to summer.

11. Executive Session – Texas Government Code Section 551.001

At the Board convened at 7:49 p.m. in a meeting closed to the public as authorized by and in accordance with the Texas Government Code 551.074, Personnel Matters

12. Reconvene in Open Session

The Board reconvened in open session at 7:13 p.m.

13. Action Items

1. Pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.074, Employment contracts, resignations, leaves, terminations, proposal for non-renewal, notices of retirement.

14. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.



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Carey Hildebrand

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President
Board of Trustees

Mrs. Lauren McLaughlin
Secretary
Board of Trustees

6-17-2026

Date